India, *vide* its Resolution dated 6th December 2004, had constituted a Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) to address the task of strengthening, modernizing, reviving and restructuring of Public Sector Enterprieses and advise the Government on strategies, measures and schemes related to them. The functions of the Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) are:— to advise the Government on ways and means for strengthening Public Sector Enterprises in general and making them more autonomous and professional; to consider restructuring of CPSEs and suggest ways and means for funding such restructuring schemes; to examine the revival/ restructuring proposal of sick/loss making CPSEs for their turn around and to make suitable recommendations related thereto; to advise the Government on disinvestment/closure/sale of chroincally loss making companies which cannot be revived and advise the Government about sources of funds for the payment of all legitimate dues and compensation to workes and other costs of closures; to monitor incipient sickness in CPSEs and advise the Govt, on such other matters as may be assigned to it.

(b) The details of the loss making CPSEs and their losses are given in Statement No. 7B of Volume-I of Public Enterprises Survey 2004-05 laid on the Table of Rajya Sabha on 14th March 2006. The reason for the losses incurred by CPSEs include (i) old and obsolete plant & machinery, (ii) outdated technology, (iii) shortage of orders and working capital, (iv) increasing competition, (v) high cost of production due to high cost of inputs and excessive manpower, (iv) weak marketing strategies, (vii) inability to access modern technology, etc.

(c) and (d) Evaluation of surplus land is undertaken on a case to case on the advise of concerned agencies like BIFR, AAIFR, High Court, Operating Agency/Consultants preparing revival plans, etc.

Public Sector Enterprises in Uttaranchal

4040. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Central Public Sector Enterprises functioning in Uttaranchal;

(b) the economic status of each of the PSUs in the State;

(c) the efforts proposed to be made to revive the Central PSUs in the State;

(d) whether it is a fact that the number of such PSUs set up in Uttaranchal is very less compared with other States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) As per Public Enterprises Survey, 2004-05, which was laid in Rajya Sabha on 14.3.2006 and is a published document. 42 Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) are having their units/offices involving a gross block of Rs. 11767 crore in Uttaranchal as on 31.3.2005.

(b) and (c) These 42 CPSEs, however, have their activities/units/offices in Uttaranchal as well as in other states. Taking into account the profitability of CPSEs as a whole, 29 of these 42 CPSEs have recorded profit during 2004-05 while 8 incurred losses during this period and one neither recorded profit nor incurred loss. Two CPSEs are under construction and two under the process of winding up as recommended by the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR). The enterprise specific measures are taken by the concerned administrative ministries for the revival of sick and loss making CPSEs from time to time as per need.

(d) and (e) The decision to set up CPSEs are taken by the concerned Administrative Ministries.

Lock-out in public sector units

4041. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of public sector companies which have faced lockouts or strickes in the last three years;

(b) the details of the companies which are found to be chronically sick;

(c) whether Government will take the help of private Industries to turn around companies that have potential for revival;

(d) the details of the companies which have been referred to the Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE);